

REMARKS

Claims 40-78 are pending in this application. In the outstanding Official Action all pending claims are subject to an election requirement.

I. Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required election of species under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372, as follows:

- a) A single PPAR-gamma ligand. An example of such a ligand is ciglitazone.
- b) A single RAR/RXR ligand. An example of such a ligand is trans-retinoic acid.
- c) A single "substance actively transported by the NIS symporter". An example of such a substance is ¹²³I.

II. Election

Applicants provisionally elect the following species:

- a) thiazolidinedione in respect of the PPAR-γ ligand;
- b) a retinoic acid and/or at least one pharmacologically acceptable derivative thereof in respect of the RAR and/or RXR ligand; and
- c) radioactive iodine in respect of the substance actively transported by the NIS symporter.

Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims may encompass the elected species.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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